

7/10/70

Dear Ed,

Your letter postmarked 7/7/ arrived today. The enclosures look very interesting. I am particularly interested in the Minutemen and have a fairly extensive file on them, including what they regard as their secrets. I'll read this and the other enclosures when my mind is free, not on the complaint I'm drafting, for the fifth suit (2,3 & 4 are drafted, one was filed).

When you can't think of it, identifying the paper and issue is helpful in the future, when files are consulted. I take it from the typography that the CIA-Van Nuys airport study was the LA Free Press. The other is the NYTimes, and I presume of this year. I've not read either, wanting to be able to concentrate. I'd heard reports of the airport's use by the CIA, at the time Garrison made his charges against Bradley.

Your analyses conform to mine, with one minor exception: that Ray knows nothing. He knows enough to provide leads. I do not expect him to, however. At least, not consciously and/or voluntarily.

And I'd add one thing: we may yet hear more from N.O. This is not based on any knowledge, just a hunch, which is based more upon things not done than on anything that has been. Shaw has made certain motions in court. They await Garrison's availability as a witness. His unavailability was not adequately explained in the papers reporting this. There was a hint his back (legitimate injury and successful surgery) was giving him trouble again.

The Minuteman area is one in which Turner should be good, especially because he can tap the work of others, especially a Kansas reporter who did a good book on them. I've not read it. I think his name is Smith. He probably has what DeFugh told Garrison, too.

One other suggestion: no matter how far-fetched it may seem, I have no reason not to believe that whenever he made any charge, Garrison did not believe it. To minds that work in ways not typical of his, this may seem strange, but I am satisfied he never once believed he was wrong or doing a dishonest thing.

The always-deserved thanks,

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Dear Howard,
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